



# THETA LAMBDA BRIEFS

Theta Lambda Zeta ~ Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity

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## LAMBDA CHI 4 LIFE

A new program has been initiated for alumni to help the undergraduate chapter. In January, 2005, we launched "Lambda Chi 4 Life" which is designed to help undergraduate brothers attend a wide variety of regional and international conferences sponsored by the general fraternity.

With your monetary donation, you'll be helping send a brother to one of the most elite training programs in North America. The first program is the weekend of February 26–28, 2005 in Valparaiso, Indiana. The Regional Leadership Conference estimated inclusive cost per person is \$200. The cost pales in comparison to the value of what the individual and chapter will get out of it.

To jump start this drive, the Theta Lambda Zeta Alumni Board will match 50% of your donation. For example, you donate \$100 and the Alumni Board will donate \$50 for a total donation of \$150.

For additional information about the Regional and International Conferences, please visit [www.lambdachi.org/conferences](http://www.lambdachi.org/conferences). This page will describe in detail the events and expectations of the weekend.

Consider a donation today and help secure our chapter's "tomorrow." As always, any donation made to the Educational Foundation is a tax-deductible event. Please consult your tax advisor for additional information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Get ready – the spring semester alumni activities calendar has been finalized! Working in conjunction with the High Rho, a wide variety of activities, including a Texas Hold 'Em Tourney, a golf tournament, a softball tournament and the annual Founder's Day banquet have been scheduled. And of course, without question – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Paintball war is coming later this year! Program details will be announced in advance of each event. The dates for each are as follows:

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament: January 29 – 3:00 PM  
Alumni Golf Tournament: April 30 – All Day  
Annual Founder's Day: April 16 – 5:00 PM  
Softball Game: May 14

## CHAPTER GROWTH CONTINUES

The Spring Semester has started off with a recruitment bang. Last Monday, four undergraduate men were Associated into Theta Lambda Zeta, bringing our current chapter total to 35. The chapter has set a goal of an additional five men prior to the conclusion of the semester. Should they reach their goal; the chapter will return nearly 35 men next Fall, making it one of the highest returning classes in recent years.

## COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

Brannon Wright, Theta Lambda's chapter president, will be attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Council of President's meeting in Orlando. The meeting, held in conjunction with the new High Pi conference, will cover a wide range of topics including effective people management skills, leadership development, time management proficiencies and other career building workshops. Additionally, Brannon will be networking with nearly 150 chapter presidents and dozens of alumni from across North America. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Brannon will be attending the conference and will mark his 5<sup>th</sup> international fraternity meeting since Associating with the chapter.

## NEW HIGH PI CONFERENCE

Mike Kellar, Theta Lambda's chapter advisor, will be a facilitator at the William E. "WEW" Wilson New High Pi conference in Orlando. Mike will be working with other professionals and fraternity staff to assist in training new chapter advisors. Additionally, Mike will be training the new chapter advisors on the first level of Impact Leadership, Lambda Chi Alpha's premiere leadership program.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following is a list of upcoming events for the chapter. For additional information, visit: <http://calendar.yahoo.com/thetalambda2004> or contact Brannon Wright (High Alpha) at 515.962.4464

- Texas Hold 'Em Tourney 1/29/05
- 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Party 1/29/05
- President's Council Meeting 2/03–2/5/05
- Regional Leadership Conf. 2/25–2/26/05
- Chapter Meetings Sundays at 7:00



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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR ALUMNI CHAIRPERSON

Nathaniel Schmidt, the chapter’s High Rho, has been spending the first few weeks in office preparing for the upcoming semester. A freshman, Nathaniel already sees the importance of the Rho office and is in position to help build a stronger and better program.

“Pretty much my main expectation for my office is to increase relations with the alumni. Even though the office of Rho is one of the lowest ranking Zeta office, I feel that it is one of the most important. One way that I want to reach my goal of increasing relations with alumni is by trying to incorporate more events involving them coming to the chapter house. I’m looking forward to Founders Day since being a freshman I haven’t had much of a chance to connect with many of the alumni.

I also hope that my being in this office will train me to continue working for the house in any office. I really hope that I can continue in working for the house and I feel that being the Rho will be a fantastic place to start.”

On behalf of the alumni, I would like to congratulate Nathaniel’s efforts thus far and wish him the best of luck in his office pursuits.

### Texas Hold ‘Em – Theta Lambda Style

Join your brothers for some cards and fellowship. The poker tournament will be held at the chapter house on January 29. Prizes will be awarded to the top two (2) chip holders. The event will precede the chapter’s first spring semester registered party, which everyone is invited to attend.

For more information about the tournament or to sign-up, please email Mike at [mkellar@itagroup.com](mailto:mkellar@itagroup.com). See you on the 29<sup>th</sup>!



## DONATION REPORT

Since our last newsletter, alumni have stepped up to the plate and have contributed to the Theta Lambda Zeta Educational Foundation. We are forever grateful for these alumni and want to thank them for ensuring the future of our great chapter and fraternity. Among those that have contributed are Bill Ballard (\$200) and Scott Schumacher (\$40).

If you would like to contribute to the Educational Foundation, please contact Charlie Chedester, the Alumni Board Treasurer. His contact information is listed at the end of this newsletter.

## VISIT WWW.LXAALUMNI.COM LATELY?

Your source for alumni news and information is all under one roof! Launched last September, the Web site includes local alumni information, archived copies of the Theta Briefs and other important links. Most beneficial however, is the alumni database. Accessed through a secured site, you now have the ability to edit your own contact information and look up information from other Theta Lambda Brothers. It is a great resource to get back into touch with brothers throughout the generations. Visit the site today!

## GOT A QUESTION

If you have any questions, comments or would like to submit an article for a future Theta Brief, contact one of your Board members listed below:

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